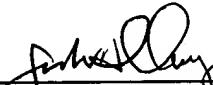


In view of the above, it is believed that all pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter. Further, applicants have presented sufficient basis for the institution of an interference between the instant application and U.S. Patent No. 5,679,691, and an interference should accordingly be instituted at an early date.

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